

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 2, line 2 and ending at page 3, line 14 to read as follows:

The present invention provides a process of manufacturing a hollow plastic product with two open ends and a substantially tubular section, the process comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a cavity mold part ~~with~~ that includes a generally cylindrical portion for forming at least an outside segment of ~~the a~~ substantially tubular section of ~~the a~~ molded hollow plastic product that has one open end, one closed end and a substantially tubular section;

(b) providing a core mold part ~~with~~ that includes a generally cylindrical portion for forming at least an inside segment of the substantially tubular section of the molded plastic product;

(c) combining the cavity mold part with the core mold part to configure a mold cavity for forming a the molded plastic product ~~with one open end, one closed end and a substantially tubular section;~~

(d) injecting plastic material into the mold cavity to form the molded plastic product;

(e) separating the core mold part from the cavity mold part while retaining the molded plastic product on the core mold part;

(f) removing the molded plastic product from the core mold part; and

(g) after step (f) removing at least a portion of the closed end of the molded plastic product to provide ~~the molded~~ a manufactured hollow plastic product with two

open ends and a substantially tubular section;

wherein step (f) comprises injecting compressed air into the closed end of the molded product to thereby at least help remove the molded product from the core mold part.

The present invention also provides a process of manufacturing a hollow plastic product with a substantially tubular section and a thread at the outside of one end of the product, the process comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a cavity mold part ~~with~~ that includes (i) a generally cylindrical portion for forming at least an outside segment of the a substantially tubular section of the a hollow plastic product that also has a thread at the outside of one end of the product and (ii) a thread-forming portion for forming the thread of the product;

(b) providing a core mold part that includes (i) a generally cylindrical portion for forming at least an inside segment of the substantially tubular section of the product and (ii) an inner core that is movable relative to the generally cylindrical portion for forming a portion of the product lying inside the thread when the inner core is protracted;

(c) combining the cavity mold part with the core mold part and protracting the inner core to configure a mold cavity for forming the product;

(d) injecting plastic material into the mold cavity to form the molded plastic product;

(e) retracting the inner core; and

(f) separating the core mold part from the cavity mold part to thereby remove the thread from the thread-forming portion of the cavity mold part while retaining the molded product on the core mold part.